Any more urgent matters to be considered?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have to point out that there is no water in the Legislative Council. We also never had water yesterday and I sent a chit just now to make some arrangements.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Some arrangement is made to store water. For the whole of yesterday and day before yesterday we had no water, for the thing is we have made it an intermittent system, and we cannot make any special arrangement for water to the Council.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That he cannot make any exception to the rule in supplying water to the Council is not the proper answer. It is the convenience of the Members that this House has to seriously consider. Something should be done. I know we cannot get water during intermittent hours and my wife and house-folk can store water. But this is not a residential lodge. Similarly there is nobody here.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is somebody here.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We cannot be lightly treated. We want water and anybody may do that.

President.—The Council Secretary is making special arrangements for water convenience.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I wish he would do that.

Bill to amend the Cochin Civil Procedure Code.

President.—Next item of business is the Bill standing in name of the Law Member.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move for the appointment of a fresh Select Committee to consider the Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure. And I beg to announce the following members to constitute the Select Committee:—

1. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.
2. ,, A. Sankara Menon.
3. ,, T. K. Krishna Menon.
4. ,, M. K. Raman.
5. ,, A. B. Salem.
6. ,, C. J. Mathew.
7. ,, K. Mohamed Seethi.
8. ,, V. D. Ouseph.
9. ,, K. P. Kannan Nayar.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I beg to second it.

President.—Kindly tell us at what stage you have reached. How many meetings have you held?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—About 5 meetings were held. There is no necessity to introduce the British Code in our State. It is only necessary to have a new section added. As the last Committee was dissolved, a new Committee has to be reconstituted and the whole thing must be done.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—In supporting that proposal I may say that last time we felt some difficulties. Some work we had done and it had to be undone. Power should be given to form sub-committees to go through the whole thing. A sub-committee of one or two members may revise the whole thing, and at a common sitting we can discuss matters and thus make the work easier. There are nearly 500 sections to be looked into.

President.—There is nothing laid down in the rules regarding that. It is left to the convenience of the committee. Sub-committees may be formed in the absence of rules.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If we do such a thing there should not be any technical objection.

President.—Was any objection raised last year?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Last time we went through and it was decided that it was not in order.

President.—If it is part of the work, none will object.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—No time-limit is fixed. This Bill has been long pending for the last so many years. I think a reasonable time may be fixed within which time the Select Committee will send its report. This Council has to fix it.

President.—Suppose we fix a time-limit and the work could not be done by that time, then they ask for an extension, and again if it is not finished, a further extension is asked for. So there is no use of fixing a time-limit.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—But it is better that a time-limit is fixed within which time they may try to finish the work. It is left to the Council. The Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill was due in 1098 and we are now in 1104.

President.—Which is the section for that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Standing Order 34 (3) and Rule 31 (5) state that this can be included.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am suggesting to the House that this report may be ready to be submitted for the first meeting of this Council in 1105.

President.—The question before the House is "*that a Select Committee composed of the following members be appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Cochin civil Procedure Code and which is to submit its report within six months from this date*:

1. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.
2. ,, V. D. Ouseph.
3. ,, K. P. Kannan Nayar.
4. ,, C. J. Mathew.
5. ,, A. B. Salem.

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6. Mr. M. K. Raman.
7. ,, K. Mohamed Seethi.
8. ,, T. K. Krishna Menon and
9. ,, A. Sankara Menon."

(Motion put and agreed to.)

President.—I nominate Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon as the Chairman of the Committee.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest:—

6. Loans to the Tanneries, Ltd. (cont.)

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I was trying to impress the point yesterday that this resolution places two alternatives before the Government, that is, 'early steps be taken to recover the loan advanced to the Tanneries or to take the concern by the Government to be worked by them'. Well, if you adopt the first alternative, it is doubtful if any material advantage would result to any of the parties concerned, because Government has advanced a substantial amount, over one lakh of rupees, and if the Government is to acquire the property, it is not likely that they will realise the whole or any substantial portion of what they have advanced in the shape of loan, and the share-holders stand to lose what they have invested in the concern. That, I think, will be the last thing that this House should desire to resort to. It is an industrial enterprise that has got to be encouraged and we should use every means to revive work in the Tanneries.

Well, the second alternative placed before the Government is for Government itself to acquire the concern and work it up. Well, we should think that there is another alternative that might be suggested, that we consider to be better than the first or the second. That is, that some agency connected with our State should come forward and take up the concern and that Government should give all possible facilities. That is not contemplated in the resolution that is placed before the House now. Speaking on behalf of the Government, I think that we should consider that the third alternative would be the very best to resort to, and this House knows the Economic Development Committee has been trying to find a solution in the direction of this third alternative suggested by me; that is, we have been inviting agencies connected with the State, two or three have come forward already, but we did not find their terms quite acceptable. Some of them have been asked to modify their terms and we have not come to a final decision.

President.—What are the details of the negotiations carried on?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The last person was one Mr. Netto from Madras. He laid down certain conditions which we could not accept and we think it won't be worth while

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